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## 14th ANNUAL PICNIC HELD

### NAME WINNERS OF 1966 HEDMAN AWARD SKANDIA

Judges of the George Hedman Memorial Awards have cited six American journalists for distinguished writing in the field of international travel during 1966.

Richard Joseph of Esquire Magazine, New York, and Kermit Holt of the Chicago Tribune are winners of the two principal awards.

Honorable mention awards have been made to Leavitt Morris of the Christian Science Monitor, Boston; John McWilliams of the Oregon Journal; and to George Bush of New York and Allen Linn of Cincinnati, for material published in Skiing Magazine and Writer's Digest, respectively.

The Hedman Awards have been created in memory of the late George Hedman, Swedish-American writer and publicist who was Vice President — Public Relations of Scandinavian Airlines System, Inc., until his death in 1962. They are judged by the criteria of style, accuracy, originality and service to the reader.

Judges for the 1966 awards were Robert U. Brown, publisher and editor of Editor & Publisher Magazine; Professor Hillier Kriegbaum, Dean of the New York University School of Journalism; and Herman Ramo, Chairman of the Scandinavian Travel Commission.

Mr. Joseph and Mr. Holt have been granted travel writing fellowship in the Scandinavian countries, including Finland. Symbols of their awards are engraved reproductions of 16th century Swedish pewter tankards.

Winners of honorable mention have been presented with specially etched Norwegian crystal crowned presentation goblets.

Speaking at an awards luncheon in New York, Tore H. Nilert, President of SAS, Inc., and a long-

#### NORWEGIAN PAINTER EXHIBITS IN NEW YORK

Twenty oil paintings by the 29-year-old Norwegian artist Terje Bergstad are now on display at the SAS Gallery, 638 Fifth Avenue (at 51st), New York City. This is the second one-man exhibit of Young Scandinavian Artists, initiated this year by Scandinavian Airlines System in cooperation with NKF — the Nordic Artists Federation. The Bergstad show, opened June 20, will last through the summer.

Terje Bergstad has attracted considerable attention in several collective exhibits. After his American debut at the SAS Gallery, he is scheduled to give his first one-man show in Oslo next fall.

Prof. Reidar Aulie, his teacher for the past three years, says: "Bergstad's mode of expression is unconventional and bears proof of very strong involvement. Sharp contrasts, enriched with sensitive details, give his pictures a stirring quality."

time colleague of Mr. Hedman, stressed the fact that the awards were created "to encourage and maintain higher standards of travel writing, objectives with which George Hedman was closely concerned over many years as an active writer and airline executive".

The award winning entries were

Mr. Joseph's article on "Iron Curtain Going Up"; Mr. Holt's series on travel in the Far East; another series on travel in Siberia by Mr. Morris; Mr. Linn's article on Greece; Mr. McWilliams' on the castles of Czechoslovakia; and an account of the Vasa ski competition by Mr. Bush.

In 1965, two Canadian travel writers were cited in the competition; Ernest Bartlett of the Telegram of Toronto, and Arthur Prevost of Le Petit Journal of Montreal.

Announcement will shortly be made of regulations for the submissions for the 1967 Hedman Awards.

#### NORSE MEN'S FEDERATION

##### 60 YEARS OLD

Several hundred Norwegian emigrants have come home, the majority from USA, to celebrate the 60th anniversary of NORD-MANNS-FORBUNDET, the Norsemen's Federation, which has 25 branches abroad.

The 60th annual meeting, held in Oslo June 15, re-elected Torolv Kandahl, editor-in-chief of *Aftenposten*, and Bishop Fridtjof Birkeli, as NF president and vice president, respectively. From the Seattle, Wash., branch, 81-year-old Crales K. Andersen brought a gift of 10,000 kroner to start a building fund for a combination NF headquarters and hotel. Sons of Norway Supreme Lodge president Conrad Garmager, whose fraternal society has some 42,000 members in USA and Canada, presented a plaque to NF and expressed hope of closer cultural cooperation between the two organizations.

More than 400 attended the annual NF banquet aboard Norwegian America Line's M/S *Sagafjord*.

Other events in Oslo included sightseeing tours and an Emigrant Service in the Akershus Castle Chapel. Next came a guided bus tour along Norway's south coast to Stavanger, where a 2-day Homecomers' Rally was held June 22-23. The emigrant bus party is due in Oslo June 29, after a trip through the fjord country and over the mountains.

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The director-General of the Swedish Prison Board announced that wives and fiancees of selected convicts will, in future, be permitted to live in the prisons. Two small prisons have been chosen for the experiment: in one, wives and fiancees will be allowed to stay for a few days, while at the other, arrangements are being made to have wives and children live with the convicts in prison flats, for the duration of their sentences.

#### ANCIENT FIRM FINANCES N. S. CHEMICAL PLANT

A Swedish company so old that its records include a document written in Medieval Latin dated June 16, 1288, is increasing its investment in Canada. Stora Kopparbergs Bergslags AB, said to be oldest incorporated company in the world, is a major shareholder in Nova Scotia Pulp, Ltd., and Nova Scotia Pulp is to construct, jointly with Canadian Industries Ltd. an electro-chemical complex at Point Tupper, N.S.

The chemical plant will cost more than \$7 million and come on steam in 1969. It will make caustic soda, chlorine, sodium hypochlorite and sodium chloride. A third undisclosed firm is expected to join in the venture.

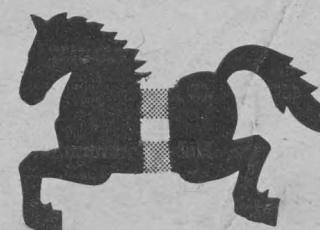
Stora Kopparbergs started as a mining enterprise. It now mines iron ore and base metals; refines metals and makes steel; makes pulp and paper and cuts lumber; produces a wide range of chemicals and is one of Sweden's biggest farmers and one of the country's largest producers of hy-

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#### CENTENNIAL YEAR



VISIT EXPO



The Horse symbol of Scandinavian Design Cavalcade.

The 14th Annual Scandinavian Day was held at Elk Island Park on Sunday, July 16, 1967. The warm weather brought out a large crowd for the variety program which began from the bandshell at 2:00 o'clock. The highlight of the entertainment was provided by Mr. Gordon Hafso and his family of Los Angeles, California. The genial master of ceremonies for the afternoon was Mr. Harv Hagen. Following the entertainment, a panel of judge chose charming Miss Rita Salomaa, 18 years old, as Scandinavian Queen for the 1967 with Miss Marianne Asmusen as runner-up. Also competing were Miss Arlene Amdam and Miss Joan Olafson. Each girl received a trophy and the queen's prize is a trip to Expo '67.

Mr. Paul Karvonen was in charge of the overall program which began with baseball at 11:00 a.m. The Finnish team defeated the Icelandic team in the first game with the Danish team getting the bye. The Danes won over the Finns in a close final game thus awarding the Danes the softball trophy. The winners of the Annual Horseshoe Tournament were Mr. Eino Karvonen and Leonard Laukanen, both of Hollow Lake, Alberta. They won the tournament last year also, so they will retain their individual trophies for another year.

In the handball tournament, the Freya Handball Club was beaten by the Tornadoes in both the men's and girls' events. This is the record year in succession that the Tornadoes have won both trophies.

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#### BERGEN ADDS TAX-FREE STORE

A tax-free store has been added to the transit hall at Flesland Airport in Bergen, Norway, according to Scandinavian Airlines.

SAS reports that the popular Norwegian tourist center becomes the seventh tax-free gateway in Scandinavia with such facilities already established in Copenhagen, Denmark; Oslo, Norway; and Stockholm, Malmo, Gothenburg and Aalborg in Sweden.

## DANIA DOINGS



The Danish Society Dania would like to thank all the people who opened their homes to our guests from Aarhus Pigegarde. We heard the same story from all the girls — "We had such a wonderful time". Tusind tak from Dania. Without your help we would have been in a bad position, but because we all worked together on this event and made a success of it we are ever grateful to all of you.

On the Scandinavian programme from Camrose, Mr. Knut Svidal said that it was a tremendous success. Knut was in the audience to hear the girls. Thank you Knut.

Everything went smoothly and as planned, but we must apologize to those who went down to the Centennial Library Theatre to hear the girls but could not get a seat. Space was limited and the girls proved a great drawing card.

The City of Edmonton donated the use of the Theatre free of charge, and once again we say a big "Thank you" to the Director of the Library. If we had been advised of the tour further in advance, we could have done more advertising and hired a larger hall.

On leaving from Edmonton, the leaders expressed their thanks for a wonderful two days. Mr. Harry Nielsen, the President said that Dania had done a great job and expressed his congratulations on a well-arranged programme.

To all those who offered their homes but did not have any girls, our sincere thanks and better luck next time.

The girls went away with many happy memories and the names of new friends, many gifts, and \$740.00 towards their expenses.

To all of you who rallied to help us entertain and house these girls — Thank you.

## DANIA

There was some criticism by a member of Dania, who evidently knew about the proposed Aarhus Pigegarde tour as early as last summer. The present Board of Directors of Dania were not advised

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There will not be a dance in August. Our next dance will be on September 22nd. The directors of Dania are all on holiday this month.

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 Sunday, Aug. 20th 10:00 a.m. Danish Service  
 Sunday, Aug. 27th 10:00 a.m. English Service  
 Sunday, Sept. 3rd 11:00 a.m. Danish Service

Rev. Filtenborg will be away from June 19th to July 15.

## VASA

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## JULY 1ST MEETING

The meeting opened at 7:30 p.m. with President Peter Johnson presiding.

The following visitors were welcomed to the meeting: Elvin Wold, Albin and Wanda Markstedt of Buford Lodge No. 577; Mrs. Thelma Lang and Mrs. Thelma Spielman of Branting Lodge No. 417.

Members reported in ill health were as follows: Hannah Sand, Ida Franssen, Edith Valens and Margaret Engvall. Also John Enger, John Jerrett, Gus Lundgren, John Ogren and Earl Erickson.

The Sports Committee reported that their Picnic and Dance was a success, both monetarily and enjoyably. Enough money was raised to complete the surfacing of the tennis court, with some left over, which was used to purchase additional sports equipment. A tip of the hat for a job well done to Evelyn Modin, Willard Modin, Bud Holmgren, Cliff Dahl, and everyone else, who worked on this project.

It was pointed out that a clock now adorns our Club House wall thanks to Eric Pierre, also a new sink has been installed in the kitchen, thanks to Eric Pierre and Mr. Kolbe. Once again, our gratitude to Ernie Hokanson, this time for a new propane stove which was donated to the new Club House.

The 18th District Convention was held in Calgary on June 24th and 25th. Delegates Eric Pierre, Betty Pearson, Don Johnson, Peter Johnson and Linnea Lodge reported on the proceedings of the Convention. Also attending were Margaret Eliasson, Eric and Margaret Engvall, Glen Eliasson, Mangus Pearson, Evelyn Johnson and Hansine Pierre. It was reported that the Alberta Lodges were invited to Edmonton for the District Convention in 1969. Skandia has put in a bid to host the Grand Lodge Convention in 1970.

Svea Erickson is the new Lodge Chaplain.

A Klondike Dance and pancake feast followed the meeting. It was a very colorful affair with nearly everyone turning up in their Klondike finery.

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## VASA GLIMPSES

The summer Exodus has started, with Skandia members travelling near and far, visiting relatives, sun seeking and just plain "getting away from it all". Of special interest: Joan and Lennart Petersson, Gus and Helga Johnson, Harold, Minnie, Neil and Noreen Markstrom departed on the June 30th Scandinavian Centre charter for Sweden, Carl Samuelson also left for Sweden on June 28th.

Milton and Virgie Fawcett spent Dominion Day week-end with relatives in Jasper.

Glen and Audrey Eliasson motored to Jasper on a camping trip over the long week-end.

## SKANDIA

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Charlie and Rose Rautio and Bradley and Susan spent a few days with Rose's Aunt and Uncle in Kelowna.

Alvin and Stella Pearson and Lynn, Doug and Lois, motored to Washington, and then visited with friends in the Okanagan.

Don and Evelyn Johnson attended the Swedish Centennial Picnic in Winnipeg on July 30th.

Emil "Pop" Johnson's 80th Birthday was celebrated at Vasa Park on July 16th, with a Pot Luck supper. Many Happy Returns from your many friends. The cottage owners, particularly, appreciate your efforts at Vasa Park. They feel confident knowing that you are there all week long.

Since our tennis court has been surfaced, tennis has become so popular at Vasa Park that you have to get up before breakfast to have a game, or wait in line for two hours. Would you believe we need lights so we can have a longer tennis day? How about it, Sports Club, for your next project?

We would like to correct an error that was made in the previous edition; it was erroneously reported that the marriage of Carol Engvall and Ken Banks would take place on the 20th of August, whereas this should have been August 26th.

Missed at Vasa Children's Week this year was Rita Pearson, who with her friend Lynne Gould, left by air for a month's holiday in England. While there they will attend the Golden Wedding anniversary celebrations for Lynn's grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Gould, who live on the Isle of Wight.

While Bud Holmgren and Glen Eliason were on a fishing trip recently in their hunting territory, they had a new and surprising experience — it was hunting season for the moose. While waiting for the cow moose and her calf to cross the road (all the while admiring this future catch), the cow made a fierce attack on the car, landing on the hood and causing considerable damage. Possibly she recognized them from last fall.

Speaking of hunting, who dug an elephant trap and caught three mice?

Visitors at Vasa Park for Emil Johnson's birthday were his two sons and their wives; Ture and Carol Johnson from Winnipeg, and Sig and Alice Johnson and their two daughters from Minburn.

Don and Evelyn Johnson were surprised at Vasa Park by a visit from Don's nephew and his wife, Allan and Sarah Anderson, of California.

Congratulations to Peggy Johnson, daughter of Sid and Pat Johnson, who has received her Second Canadian award in figure skating.

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## SKANDIA CHARTER MEMBER VISITOR FROM SWEDEN

Among visitors from Sweden this summer were Mr. Einar Eriksson and his daughter Karen of Stockholm.

Several dinner parties were held in their honor and a 'Welcome' open house was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Bud Holmgren.

A week's trip to the Coal Branch and Jasper Park made the visit a memorable one for Karen. Mr. Erikson had lived in Canada for ten years and spent several of those years at Jasper. After an absence of 31 years he found many changes, especially in the roads. The road to Miette was but a pony trail and the swimming pool a homemade wooden one constructed by the miners in the area.

They spent several days in the Glen Park district as the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Bert Pearson.

Our visitors enjoyed Vasa Park where Karen tried water skiing and they attended a Klondike Dance appropriately dressed for the occasion.

A day was spent at the Calgary Stampede and then they boarded their plane for Sweden. In their baggage, packed away among their souvenirs, was a personally autographed picture of Stu Davis and his son Dwayne, whom they had the pleasure of meeting while Stu Davis was filming one of his next season's shows.

**SKANDIA CONTINUED**

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Visitors from Sweden to Edmonton and Buford districts recently were Mr. and Mrs. Rickard Dragsten of Mockfjard, Dalarne. In Edmonton they were guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. F. O. Simmons. Rickard Dragsten is a cousin of Elsie Simmons, also of Mrs. E. E. Buchanan, and he and his wife Karin were entertained at the Buchanan home in Edmonton and at their cottage at Pigeon Lake. Mr. and Mrs. L. Larson also entertained in their honor.

In Buford Mr. and Mrs. Dragsten were guests at the homes of Mr. and Mrs. Emil Kvarnberg and Eric Kvarnberg. They enjoyed a motor trip through the mountains and parts of B.C. and Vancouver island with Eric Kvarnberg. Mr. and Mrs. Emil Kvarnberg accompanied them to Jasper and Banff, returning from that point by bus.

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Kvarnberg entertained at a farewell dinner and evening get-together at their home to terminate a very happy holiday with the Swedish visitors.

While in Buford a cousin of Karin Dragsten, Mr. Maynard Hansen, his wife Marion and daughter and grand-daughter of Lake Lillian, Minn., were guests of the Modin families in Calmar. The trip of the Minnesota family was planned to coincide with that of their Swedish cousins and they were together on several occasions.

Mr. and Mrs. Dragsten were most enthusiastic over what they saw of our country. They praised our clean and well-kept city, the freshness of the countryside, the grandeur of the mountains, our good roads, as well as our food and the friendliness and hospitality of the many people they met.

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Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Maxwell entertained at a family get-together when the latter's cousin, Marion Hansen and her husband Maynard and daughter and grand-daughter of Lake Lillian, Minn. were visiting in Calmar and district recently.

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**VASA CHILDREN'S WEEK**

Fifty-four children registered for Children's Week, which was held from July 9th to 16th, inclusive.

The weatherman, who usually determines the success of Camp Week, co-operated to the fullest extent, providing sunny weather every day.

Evelyn Johnson was camp leader, ably assisted by old veterans Betty and Magnus Pearson.

The children opened their day with "wake-up and appetite encouraging" exercises. Followed by breakfast, which was prepared by Helen Riley, Winnie Pearson and Hulda Rautio.

After breakfast the children were divided into two groups. One group worked on culture and the other on handicrafts. This was alternated in the afternoon. In charge of handicrafts were: Pat Johnson and Doreen Heeks. Some of the projects this year were Fort Edmon-

ton, a Centennial plaque for the Club House, jewellery, decorated pottery, A.B.C. books, egg carton animals, etc.

Liz Wengberg and Sonia Sund prepared dinners and Charlotte Samuelson and Peggy Modin prepared suppers, assisted by some of the junior counsellors.

The children enjoyed a swimming period before dinner and again before supper, with instructions from Hans Wengberg.

Evenings were kept occupied by hikes, treasure hunt, baseball games, fireworks, wiener and marshmallow roasts.

The oldtimers were very happy to welcome the following Junior counsellors: Linda Samuelson, Jean McEvoy, Joan Hokanson, Jim Johnson, Randy Watson and Lennie Heeks from Skandia; and Linda Krause and Gay Thompson from Falun.

In charge of culture were Margaret Eliasson, Floyd Modin, Carol McRae, Carol Sund and Vi Watson. Judging from the program they presented on Sunday, this group had a very busy week indeed:

**O' CANADA**

1. Vasa Barnens Song (Group)
2. Den Forsta Sommar Vinden (Group)
3. Imse Vimse Spindeln (Junior Group)
4. Dansa I En Ring (Ring dance — Junior Group)
5. Senior Girls P.T.
6. Address by Chairman of Falun Lodge.
7. Violer Till Mor (Solo by Carol McRae, assisted by Julie Pearson, Lorraine Eliasson, Janine Sund, Margaret Hokanson, Betty Wold, Joan Bloedel, Leslie Watson.
8. Senior Boys P.T.
9. Tva Sma Ponnies
10. Address by Chairman of Buford Lodge.
11. Junior Girls P.T.
12. Tornrosa (Senior Group)
13. Instrumental by Randy Watson.
14. Junior Boys P.T.
15. District Mater Floyd Modin.
16. Viljen I Veta (Senior Group).
17. Barnatro
18. Introduction of Camp Crew by Leaders Evelyn Johnson and Betty Pearson.
19. Du Gamla Du Fria
20. Canada Song (Canada's Centennial Song).

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O thou who clothest the lilies  
And feedest the birds of the sky,  
Who leadest the lambs to the pasture  
And the hart to the waterside,  
Who has multiplied loaves and fishes  
And converted water into wine,  
Do thou come to our table  
As Guest and Giver to dine.

**BUFORD NEWS**

Norman and Jean Westlund, Drayton Valley, spent a few days at the home of Jean's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Bertil Pearson. Bertil and Tootsie Pearson entertained at a "going-away" party on June 25th, before leaving for Sweden.

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There was a good turn-out of members and friends from the Falun Lodge at our annual wiener roast, held on June 26th, at the home of Albin and Wanda Markstedt.

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Mr. and Mrs. F. Carlson of Kelowna, B.C., renewed acquaintances in the district before leaving by plane for a 6-week's holiday in Sweden.

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Mr. and Mrs. E. Wronko spent a week in the Okanagan, visiting Gleny's brother Ronald Erickson and his family at Vernon, B.C.

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Tony and Pat Lefsrud spent a weekend at Rocky Mountain House.

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Get well wishes go out to Mr. and Mrs. Bob Pearson's son, Billy, who was a patient in the Leduc Hospital.

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Two of our members, Mrs. Betty Hanson and Mrs. Alice Evenson attended the Leduc Art Show classes last winter. Their exhibits were very well received at the Annual Art Show, held in the Towne House Motor Hotel, Leduc recently. Congratulations, girls, and good luck to you both in your future endeavours.

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Mr. and Mrs. M. Gellert spent the July 1st weekend at Ardmore visiting Marilyn's grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. J. Mergo.

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Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Pearson and family enjoyed a holiday at Banff and Calgary recently.

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Tony and Pat Lefsrud, Wanda Markstedt, Floyd Modin and Clair

Pearson attended the 18th Bi-Annual Vasa Convention of District Lodge No. 18, Alberta, and the 45th Anniversary of Branting Lodge No. 417, held in Calgary.

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Floyd and Peggy Modin, Irma Anderson, Stanley and Lillian Zarrowey attended the Post Office Conference, held at the Chateau Lacombe in Edmonton, on June 19th, 20th and 21st.

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Eight new members were initiated and welcomed into our Lodge at the June meeting. Grace and Bill Babiak, Leroy Pederson, Dale Bostrom, Annie Evenson, Jean Babiak, Eddie and Marie Wurban.

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A good time was had by the Lodge members who attended the Klondike Dance and Pancake Supper, held at the lake on July 1st.

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Mrs. Hans Wengberg and family spent a day in Red Deer with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. I. Hamilton and took in the Annual Community Picnic where she met many former friends.

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Congratulations to Floyd Modin and Clair Pearson on winning the Horse Shoe trophies at the Glen Park Sports Day, July 5th.

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Open House was held at the Willow Creek Community Centre on Sunday, July 9th, on the occasion of Mr. and Mrs. G. W. (Bill) Pederson's 40th wedding anniversary. It was also Mr. and Mrs. P. Sandstrom's 36th anniversary and Mr. and Mrs. Don Weiting's 19th anniversary. Congratulations to all three couples. Mrs. Don (Nona) Weiting and her three sons of Santa Maria, California spent a month visiting Nona's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Pederson.

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Mrs. Barbara Pearson has joined the staff of the Bank of Montreal in Thorsby, working two days a week.

**CHANGING LANDSCAPES**

One advantage other Scandinavian capitals have over Copenhagen is their striking landscapes. Oslo has mountain and forest coming through its windows, Stockholm's new suburbs merge with rocky, raw nature, and Helsinki scenery inspired much of Finland's modern blend - with - nature architecture. Danes, increasingly aware of their capital's shortcoming, are planning the obvious — changing the landscape. One remedy — 10,000,000 trees.

By 1980, experts estimate 500,000 people will call the area immediately west and south of Copenhagen home, and have long since warned that this flat, uninspiring land would become the driest of suburbs, no architect able to break its monotony. The only solution in fact, would be to give the landscape what it needs! forest, lakes, hills.

**From Me, to You.** A plan to do exactly that had been long dormant, mainly for lack of money. But now the West Forest project will finally be realized. Responding to a now-or-never plea by Architect-Journalist Hakon Stephens, private citizens and organizations joined forces to raise sufficient money to plant 40,000 trees in the projected forest. At 70 cents anyone could afford a seedling and a tiny plot. All such forest shares are recorded in a "Green Book" along with dedications to relatives, friends or outstanding

One result was that Princess Margrethe who married French Count Henri de Monpezat in June, was given a whole forest section for a wedding present. Others bought trees "for the forest in which our great grandchildren may some day play". A housing cooperative made a wholesale purchase of 4,000 trees "for future tenants". A man sent his dog with a check to secure "a favorite tree" for the pet.

**Something to Gape At.** Even residents of Copenhagen's northern suburbs, originally cool to the idea of sharing the cost of somebody else's forest seemed to be changing their minds. Many obviously hoped that a West Forest would relieve overcrowding in wooded, hilly North Zealand, al-

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**MUSIC**

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Lovers of Scandinavian music will welcome the new long-play record album by Olaf Sween, called "Scandinavian Carousel". Numbers included on this platter are: Gardebylaaten — Konvaljens avskjed — Hayride Polka — Drommen om Elin — Johan paa Snippet — Gillingspolkan — Vestkustensvals — Trolleboschottish — Klackarna i taket — Bondevals. Accompanying Olaf are Gaby Haas, accordion Clarence Ploof, guitar and Johnny Mack, bass. Olaf uses his electronic accordion Cordovox, which has both organ and accordion sound.

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## ICELANDIC NOTES

A farewell party was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Summarlidason for Steve and Audrey Benediktson who are leaving shortly to take up residence in Australia. Audrey was presented with a corsage by Martha Arnason, whilst our President, Al Arnason presented a book to Steve on behalf of the Icelandic Society. The Icelandic Society is sorry to see this couple move so far away but wish them all the very best in their new home.

Mr. and Mrs. Eggert Borgford of Calgary were guests at the home of Don and Micky Shaw over the long weekend.

An afternoon coffee party was held at the home of Mrs. Jonina Campbell in honour of her cousin, Miss Inga Stevenson of Gimli who is guest at the home of Miss Hulda Bjarnason.

Congratulations to Miss Hulda Bjarnason on her engagement to Mr. Tom Yelic of Edmonton. Wedding to be announced later.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Summarlidason returned from the West Coast where they visited at the home of Mr. and Mrs. John Summarlidason and with Mrs. Sadie Lee. We are very pleased to hear that Mrs. Lee is feeling better. They also spent an evening with Mr. and Mrs. Elroy Robertson and had a pleasant telephone conversation with Mr. and Mrs. Howard Garnett. Both couples are former Edmonton residents and wish to be remembered to their many friends here.

Mr. and Mrs. Summarlidason also attended a tea at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Herman Eyford and saw the gavel which it to be presented to the Provincial Government. It is made from walrus ivory and reindeer horn and delicately carved with the Coat of Arms and the Centennial Crest. The inscription on the handle reads "Under Law the People Progress". The gavel was made by Rikkarder Johnsson of Reykjavik, Iceland.

Prime Minister Pearson paid tribute to Icelandic settlers Tuesday, July 11th, in an outdoor ceremony welcoming Iceland's President Asgeir Asgeirsson to Canada. Mr. Pearson told the crowd of 400 on the lawn outside the Parliament Buildings that Iceland had given a larger proportion of its population to Canada than any other country.

"We are proud of this link with Iceland", he said.

The 73-year old President accompanied by his daughter-in-law, Lily, will also visit Expo in Montreal. His Canadian visit will be climaxed with a visit to Manitoba, centre of the Icelandic community in Canada.

Mr. and Mrs. Harald Henderson and daughter Betty of Moose Jaw, Saskatchewan, are guests at the home of their son and daughter-in-law, Bob and Sharon Henderson in Westbrook.

We were very sorry to hear of the sudden passing away of Mrs. J. D. McNaughton on Thursday, July 13th. Our sympathy is extended to the family.

Congratulations to Wayne Longmore, son of Claud and Margaret Longmore who won a scholarship to attend the Delhousie University of New Brunswick. Wayne was named one of the most outstanding scholars. He is a grandson of Mrs. Ilia Henrikson.

Howard McNaughton, son of Chris and Ruth McNaughton returned from a visit to Expo in Montreal. Howard is a member of the P.P.C.L.I. Cadets.

Miss Elizabeth Oddstad of Vancouver is enjoying a visit in Edmonton at the home of her uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. H. Summarlidason.

On short notice, a Men's Softball Team was organized to play at the Scandinavian Picnic at Elk Island Park on July 16th. The line-up consisted of Steini Jonsson, Bob Halldorson, Ben Jonsson, Lloyd Lindal, John Mark, Gunnar Thorvaldson, Jim Fredrickson, Alfred Midwinter and John Lobner.

Lloyd Lindal and John Mark are from Lundar, Manitoba, and are spending some time in Edmonton as they work their way across Canada.

The Icelandic team lost to the Finnish team in their first game. Lloyd Lindal was the star of the game with two home runs.

Mr. and Mrs. H. Edgar of Lyleton were caught by Klondike fever so arrived in Edmonton to celebrate Klondike Days with their son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Gunnar Thorvaldson and family.

Sarpaneva envisioned a novel artistic framework for the Expo '67 Finnish exhibit which would express the industrial face of the nation, and at the same time permit unequalled freedom in self-expression for designers working in the decorative and industrial arts.

Pursuing his idea, Sarpaneva worked out a plan of five enormous rectangular panels, 31½ x 14½ feet, each of which would represent a vital element of industry or culture. Taking the element of glass for himself, he commissioned four other artists to complete his vision.

## FINLAND SCULPTORS

Works by three of Finland's leading sculptors are among the contemporary pieces to be found in the outdoor sculpture garden flanking the five-nation Scandinavian pavilion at Expo '67.

The artists are Eila Hiltunen, Laila Pullinen — who has also created a huge copper panel for the Finnish exhibit inside the pavilion — and Kai Tapper. They are represented in permanent and travelling exhibitions at home and around the world.

The landscaped garden, which is itself sculpted in appearance, is raised several feet above ground level and offers visitors excellent viewing perspectives from ground eye level as well as from the upper floors of the pavilion.

In addition to Finland's contribution, the garden contains works by sculptors from Denmark, Iceland, Norway and Sweden.

Finland, however, is also represented by a fourth piece of sculpture in Expo '67's Olympic House. It is a copy of Waino Aaltonen's famed "Study of Paavo Nurmi". Paavo Nurmi is the world's most idolized athletic distance runner who competed with stunning success in the Olympic Games.

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## FINLAND'S CULTURAL SCENERY

Finland's section of the five-nation Scandinavian pavilion at the 1967 World Exhibition adopts bold artistic forms to convey the creative, industrial and cultural aspects of the country.

Boldness strikes the visitor immediately: five monumental, wall-size panels of wood, ceramic, glass, textile and copper; each one worked, sculpted, blasted or woven by a commissioned artist.

A riot of color, the size and the sense of rhythm all lend an artistic unity designed to awaken a natural interest in Finland, and to provide a clear picture of the country's achievement and its place among the 15 most highly industrialized nations of the world'.

The intention is that of Olle Herold, commissioner general for Finland's participation at Expo '67, managing director of the Finnish Fair Corporation, and veteran exhibition and trade fair planner for more than 15 years. Mr. Herold has worked with the commissioners general of Denmark, Norway, Iceland and Sweden in creating the combined Scandinavian participation.

For over-all design of the Finnish section, Mr. Herold and his Expo '67 committee in Helsinki chose distinguished artist-designer, Timo Sarpaneva, 41. Sarpaneva's contributions to the decorative arts and to exhibition architecture have won international praise and many top prizes, such as the Grand Prix at Milan's Triennale. His textured glass creations, textile designs and colored gift-wrapping paper are greatly sought after throughout Scandinavia and in many parts of Europe and North America.

## ONE ARTIST, ONE PANEL AND FREEDOM

Tapio Wirkkala, world's leading prize-winner in international competitions for design and craftsmanship, was given the element of wood representing forests and connected pulp and paper industries. In his treatment of the material, Wirkkala ended up far from the representation of industry or forests; the work suggests rather inspiration gained from rushing waters.

Sarpaneva's glass panel, made of 460 individually designed and blown sculptures of glass, is expressive of his feelings about the lakes of Finland.

Sculptress, Laila Pullinen was asked to do her work in copper to represent the entire metal industry which employs one-third of Finland's labor force. Miss Pullinen was fascinated with possibilities of sculpting copper by sand blasting, and the result is an informal relief she describes as "happenings of movement".

For ceramist Birger Kaipiainen, the commission from Sarpaneva was to create a panel symbolizing an industry devoted to the decorative arts, and not quite a century old. The completed work is called "Lake of Blue Violets", and makes use of flowers, swans and other highly romantic images.

Finally, for the woman who supervised weaving of some 600,000 pieces of wool yarn, a tapestry by Mrs. Ulla Beata Simberg-Ehrstrom called "The Forest", is a huge work expressing her own love for color and the intense beauty of the woods.

## MONUMENTAL EFFECT

All five panels stand at slight angles to each other and to the floor and ceiling of the exhibit hall. Surrounding wall-space supports photographs and products, such as cables, electric meters, locks, cutlery and many others. Undersides of the panels are also used for evocative photographic displays.

## OTHER ASPECTS OF

### FINLAND'S

Finland is also represented at Expo '67 by sculptures in the pavilion's outdoor sculpture garden. The pavilion restaurant (run by Scandinavian Airlines) serves, among other Scandinavian specialties, smoked reindeer tongue and cloudberry liqueur from Finland.

A Finnish naval vessel, the "Matti Kurki" adds to the excitement at Expo when it ties up facing the exhibition grounds as part of the visiting ships program. And in Expo's own theme pavilion, "Man in the Community", another Finnish designer, Ilmari Tapiovaara, is prominently listed among the designers.

Finnish log-rollers, fashion shows and the performance by Metropolitan Opera Star, Anita Valkki, are among other features of Finland's participation.

## FINNISH SOCIETY



## FINNISH FOOTNOTES

Best holiday wishes to Mr. V. Kujala and to Mr. and Mrs. Usikorpi and daughter who are touring Finland this summer.

The annual "Juhannuskokko" was held at Lac La Nonne. Everyone enjoyed the traditional bonfire, coffee and "kalasoppa". The biggest fish of the day was caught by Maria Utunen. Congratulations!

Speedy recovery to Mr. V. Ratas, who was in hospital recently.

Loreen, Bill and Robert Rama of Whitecourt, Alta., were holidaying at their grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. J. Rama and Mr. and Mrs. B. Watt of Edmonton.

Mr. and Mrs. E. Honka, Mrs. N. Koivuneva and Mrs. J. Rama motored to Rich Lake for a fishing trip. They reported that fish were plentiful.

Leslie Rama went to see the Pan American games at Winnipeg during his Holidays.

Best holiday wishes to Mr. and Mrs. Sturmer and daughters of Pietarsaari, Finland, who were visiting recently at the home of their daughter, Mr. and Mrs. E. Salo. After leaving Edmonton, Mr. and Mrs. Sturmer will spend some time at the west coast before returning to Finland.

Congratulations to Miss Rita Salomaa, 18, who was the lucky winner of the Queen contest, held recently at the Elk Island National Park, during the Scandinavian Centre Annual Picnic.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Joljart and Jacky Ratas had a very enjoyable holiday at the mountains and in the Okanagan Valley.

Recent visitors to Edmonton from Vancouver, were Miss Anna Ponni, Mr. and Mrs. Karhinen and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Iskanius and daughter also with them was Mrs. Iskanius from Finland. While in Edmonton, they held a meeting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. V. Kujala, where Mr. Karhinen was the speaker.

Mr. and Mrs. V. Leino and Reisa reported that they had a very nice holiday.

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# SOLGLYT SPOTLIGHT

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August 20 — Lodge Picnic and Barbeque.

September 16 — Old Time Dance.

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Betty McKevitt and her mother, Mrs. M. Stuart have taken a trip to Expo and Niagara Falls recently.

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Alvin and Ella Searl enjoyed a vacation in Penticton, Hope, Kamloops, and Banff recently. Unfortunately, though, Ella sprained her ankle, but is now doing fine.

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Mina MacDonald has had a lot of company lately. Her house guests have been a sister, Inga, from Los Angeles and niece, Charlotte Herman (wife of Band leader Woody Herman). Mina's daughter, Shirley Mancuso with husband Vincent and son, Danny. Also another niece and her husband, Mr. and Mrs. S. Huckle.

Byrnes and Crystal Fleuty (Mina's daughter) and girls are to attend a Chiropractic Convention in Toronto and will also visit Expo.

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The Sons of Norway Picnic — Mid Summer's Eve (St. Hans Fest) was held June 24 at Laurier Park.

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**BOOKS**

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**SET EUROPE ABLAZE**, by E. H. Cookridge. British wartime agent tells the inside story of SOE — Special Operations Executive, and the heroic activities of its agents who, in cooperation with USA's Office of Strategic Services, worked to defeat Hitler Germany by sabotage, espionage, and subversion. Two excellent chapters on Norway. Quest for Atom (18 pp.) tells how a small band of SOE trained Norwegian saboteurs foiled Nazi plans to make atomic warheads by blowing up the heavy water plant at Rjukan and, later, sinking a ferry with 4,000 gallons of heavy water. The Vikings (17 pp.), tells about raids in the Lofoten isles of North Norway by British commandos and Norwegians of SOE's Martin Linge Company; the Nazi destruction of Televag and most of its population; feats of the Shetland Bus, and the daring sabotage activities of the Norwegian resistance movement's Military Organization, with special notes on the exploits of Max Manus and Gunnar Sonsteby. (37 photos, 3 maps) (Glossary and Abbreviations) (Documentation and Selected Biography) (Index) (410 pp.) Published by Thomas Y. Crowell, Co., 21 Park Avenue South, New York, N.Y. (\$7.95).

## BEAUTY QUEEN CROWNED

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July 16th was a very exciting day for four lovely girls at Elk Island National Park. That was the day of the Scandinavian Centre's Annual Picnic, where one of the girls was chosen to represent Scandinavian Centre at various functions throughout the year.

The Sunday was very beautiful and many people turned out to participate in games, to watch the program and just to have fun.

Representing the Sons of Norway at the beauty contest was Miss Arlene Amdam, representing the Icelandic Society was Miss Joan Olafson, the Finnish Society was represented by Miss Rita Salomaa and the Danish Society's representative was Miss Marianne Asmusson.

After the girls had paraded in their national costumes and spoken on chosen subjects they conversed shortly with Master of Ceremonies, Mr. H. Haugen. The judges were then faced with the difficult decision of choosing the Queen for the year. After a tense moment the lucky girl was named as Rita Salomaa, who won a trip to Expo. The first runner up was named as Marianne Asmusson who won \$50.00 cash. The other two lovely contestants won a sightseeing trip, to view the city from the air. All girls were presented with a memento of the occasion.

Congratulations and best luck to Miss Salomaa and a hearty thanks to all the girls for participating. Also thanks to everyone who participated in any way in this picnic of 1967, our Centennial Year.

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About 2,000 people attended the Annual Scandinavian Picnic at Elk Island Park on Sunday, July 16th. For a change the weather was perfect and we really appreciated the beautiful sunshine. g

A lot of work goes into organizing the activities at the picnic and we would like to express our appreciation to the following members who gave so much time to arrange the programme. Paul Karvonen — sports; Peter Johnson — judging; Harvey Haugan — Master of Ceremonies — a special thanks to Harvey for a swell job; Harold Christianson — the thousand and one details that someone has to look after; Ruth McNaughton — in charge of the coffee we were all so thirsty for, don't think we could have carried on without you, Ruth.

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**FUNERAL SERVICE HELD**

Funeral services were held recently for Hartwick Holm, 83, who died in July.

Mr. Holm was born in Norway in 1884, and came to Canada in 1909. He homesteaded near Elbow, Saskatchewan and then came to Edmonton in 1949 and retired in 1957. He resided at 9706 - 104 Avenue until his death.

Mr. Holm is survived by his wife Kay and one uncle, Ben Petersen of Seattle.

## ROSE PAINTING EXHIBITION

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Tremendous interest is being shown in the First National Rose Painting Exhibition, an event sponsored by the Norwegian-American Museum for the Nordic Fest in Decorah, Iowa, July 28-30.

Seventy entries from all over the United States have been received, and they represent a wide variety of articles, ranging from plaques to large trunks. They will be on display in Thomas Roberts High School, open to the public free of charge.

Judges will be Sigmund Aarseth, one of Norway's finest rose painters; the Rev. Orville Running, head of the Luther College art department; and a third person to be named later. Mr. Aarseth also will demonstrate rose paintings in the Norwegian-American Museum during the Fest, and will teach three session of classes beginning July 31.

According to museum officials, the response has been enthusiastic to both the exhibit and the classes, which were filled rapidly. Both sexes have expressed interest in entering exhibits and attending classes. When rose painting was at its height in Norway, it was done almost exclusively by men. Man styles of rose painting are evident in the entries which are arriving daily at the Museum office.

Two more important guests who will be appearing at the Nordic Fest are Jon Embretsen, director of the Information Service, Royal Norwegian Embassy, New York, N. Y., and his wife, Florence, a concert violinist. On Friday afternoon, July 28, Mr. Embretsen will discuss Norwegian folk music, supplementing his talk with tape recordings of various Norse instruments. Mrs. Embretsen will play a peasant dance on her Hardanger fiddle. The number will then be repeated on the piano by Miss Rebecca Linnevold, Decorah, Ia., as it was conceived by Edvard Grieg in his Opus 72. There will be no charge for the program.

Mrs. Embretsen has toured the United States extensively in recitals and as soloist with many symphony Summer Session Orchestra. Her concert instrument is a Nicolo Amati, dated 1650, but she plays the Hardanger fiddle as a hobby.

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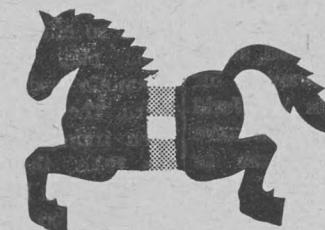
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**LONESOME**

Unlike the summer hikers they met, these tight-lipped three did not speak, nor did they slow their pace to admire the glories of glacier-topped mountains in Northern Sweden. Only measured breathing and the rhythmic "plop-plop" of rubber boots on soft tundra kept them company, their jogging pace broken only to sprint up every hill. After four hours, soaked with sweat and splattered with mud, they were back where they started, at the Swedish Athletic Association's Valadalen training headquarters. It had been a conditioning jaunt for three of Sweden's top athletes in summer training for the most demanding and most Scandinavian of all sports: cross-country ski racing.

At Dombas and Lillehammer in Norway and Verumaki in Finland, Nordic Confreres were doing the same. And in cities and hamlets all over northern Scandinavia others were duplicating the rigorous training in hope of dethroning one of the "A-squad" elite in next winter's races. This very breadth of interest — "skiing" without skis or snow — is indicative of the singular Scandinavian ability and willingness to endure the intense loneliness that is cross-country skiing. A full 220 of the 279 gold, silver and bronze medals awarded for cross-country skiing in 26 World Championships held to date have gone to Finns, Norwegians or Swedes.\*

**RED LIGHTS.** Physiologically, cross-country skiing is the most demanding of all competitive sports: not even marathon running or swimming require as much energy from the body. There is no true off-season for the cross-country skier; each year's three competitive ski months are bracketed by nine of training, seven or eight without skis. What is or is not done off-skis is decisive to on-ski success. Nordic skiers suspect that the sudden leap of Russian male skiers into medal limelight last season was due to a change in their summer training.

The endurance of a marathon runner is needed for races up to three hours or longer, the agility and strength of a gymnast to master hills and sharp twists where races are often won or lost. So unique are cross-country racers in their range of abilities that they can enter and often master other sports: Norway's Ole Ellefsaeter is Norwegian champ at steeplechase, the most gruelling of all track events.

The cross-country skier trains much as any other athlete for the basic skills. For endurance there is long-distance running — not on a track, but on rolling terrain similar to the ski courses. Sprinting up hills and over short level stretches helps build speed. Weight lifting is essential, but not to Muscle Beach extremes. Lighter weights, seldom over a third of body weight, and explosive repetitions build muscle strength for cross-country's "explode - relax - explode - relax" rhythm.

**NO CHEATING.** But unique to cross-country training are those exercises which duplicate the movement patterns of actual skiing. A bounding uphill stride, using ski poles for additional push, duplicates the characteristic cross-country stride while simultaneously imbuing good skiing technique. Says Norwegian Coach Kristen Kvello, "You can cheat yourself — shift your weight wrong — on skis. But it loses races. You simply cannot cheat on foot. A good summer's on-foot, ski-stride training has helped many skiers."

Staying power in the arms is equally vital to rhythmic pole-pushing. Most used for arm training is a set of bicycle inner tubes fastened to a wall or tree at shoulder height. Sometimes skiers, lonesome for their skis in the summer, strap on "roller-skis" — skis with small wheels — and keep in shape that way.

But most of all, training for cross-country skiing takes time. Even the successful Scandinavians have not been able to reduce the staggering total of hours necessary — one to four a day, and, depending on the season, three to six days a week year around. But they have learned to use their hours so effectively that other nations play Mohammed to the mountain and regularly come to learn. The successful Italians have been training in Valadalen since the 1930s, the French, Germans and Swiss in Norway, Sweden and Finland. Top U.S. Cross-Countryer Mike Gallagher has spent as much time as his student finances will allow in Norway during the past two years. He says of the multi-gold-medal Norwegian skiers: "I'm as tough as they are — but their secret is that they are tougher longer."\*\*

**Up in Smoke.** Nordic women skiers follow the same type of rigorous training schedule that has put their male counterparts on top. Sometimes the girls in knickers manage to exceed even the skiers themselves in integrating training into their daily lives. "It's all a matter of organization," observes Finnish-born Toini Gustafsson, now Swedish housewife, mother and top cross-country skier.

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"Like most women I've learned to be efficient at home to have some time of my own. While others sit and chat over coffee and cigarettes of an afternoon I go out and train, often with other girls. We have our social hour. The difference is running shoes nad no cigarettes."

the Finnish, Norwegian or Swedish. \*\*\*

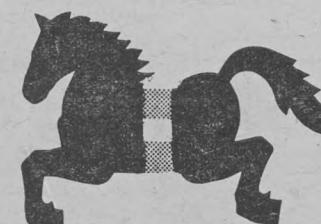
But in these countries almost everyone skis and almost the percent of the population are active racers at one time or another during their lives, the basis of success seems safe. Says Norwegian Gjermund Eggen, "We know how to train strength in, not out of ourselves." Eggen should know. In the last Nordic World Championships he entered all four cross-country events for men and won three gold medals,

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ready close to bursting and plagued all summer by swarms from the city.

And as money poured into the special West Forest bank account the psychological effect of the citizen drive at last brought official action: Parliament and local councils agreed to share costs of acquiring the first 900 of 3,700 projected forest acres, the rest to be bought over five years at an expected total price of \$9 million with the government footing an additional \$2 million bill alone to buy and plant about 10 million trees.

It will be 10 years before the last tree is planted, another 20 before a real forest has grown up. But that did not dampen the enthusiasm of thousands of people flocking to the area this spring to plant — with their own hands — the trees they paid for to make life a little more pleasant for future generations.

Meanwhile, architects and foresters cheerfully planned for a unique forest of pine, spruce, larch, oak, beech, birch and more exotic trees such as Indian pogris. Cattle and sheep will graze freely. Wild deer, coming themselves, will mingle with riding school ponies and people enjoying themselves at swimming pools and restaurants. The army's heaviest armor will be invited to contour the landscape and dig lakes. Not real mountains or fjords, but even so the curious may still come down from Oslo, Stockholm, and Helsinki to gape.

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